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SENATE RESOLUTION 129 By Dixon

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Lauren Monique Cager-Solomon on the occasion of her graduation from Freetown Elementary School.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to recognize those outstanding young people whose lives of achievement, activity and energy hold great promise for the future and who bring delight to their family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Lauren Monique Cager is one such vibrant and talented young person; and WHEREAS, Lauren is an outstanding child who has distinguished herself in the 2000 fifth grade graduating class of Freetown Elementary School; and

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WHEREAS, prior to becoming a graduate of Freetown Elementary School, Lauren was recognized in the Anne Arundel County newspaper, *The Capital*, for her participation in a basketball tournament for at-risk youth; and

WHEREAS, Lauren plans to attend George Fox Middle School in the fall; and WHEREAS, Lauren Monique Cager represents the standards, morals, conduct, and commitment to excellence that this great nation holds dear; and

WHEREAS, Lauren was born December 22, 1989, to proud parents, Kimberlee Darnell Cager of Pasadena, Maryland and Anthony Solomon of Keys, Florida; and

WHEREAS, her mother derived Lauren's first and middle names from the first names of her two very best and lifelong friends, Lori Ann Bradford, M.S.P.H., of Severna Park, Maryland, and Ms. Monica Wheatley, also of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Lauren is a source of great pride and delight for her parents and her grandparents: Gerald, Sr. and Bertha Cager;

WHEREAS, Lauren has grown up alongside her aunts, Kendra, Tiera, and her uncle, Darren-Jamal: and

WHEREAS, she looks up to, and admires her Aunts Terri and Kathy Cager, and her Uncle Gerald Cager, Jr.; and

WHERAS, protected and watched over by an extended family, 10-year old Lauren is grateful and thankful for the love and support she receives from her Godparents: Stacy Hithon, Lori Ann Bradford, M.S.P.H., Teresa "*Diva-L' Amour*" Cruz, and Todd Lavezza Jennings; and

WHEREAS, Lauren's world is overflowing with her many interests of reading, singing, playing basketball and T-ball, riding bicycles, playing with dolls and getting her hair done in box -braids by her Aunt Tiera; and

WHEREAS, Lauren surprised and amused her mother and Godmothers, Lori and Stacey, when she confidently sang word-for-word Kirk Franklin's *Stomp*; and

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WHEREAS, a well-behaved and caring young lady, Lauren also possesses interests that are common among many boys and girls of her age; she joyfully shares such interests with her "play cousins" Christian Ryan Clarke of Glen Burnie, Maryland, Master Trevor Winston Finney, and with her girlfriends, Jasmine Bradford-Washington of Montgomery, Alabama, and Christine Diggs, of Severna Park, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Lauren Monique Cager reminds us of those children for whom this legislative body works so hard to secure a bright future, and she should be specially recognized; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this legislative body pause to honor such delightful young people and to congratulate them on their achievements; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we congratulate Lauren Monique Cager-Solomon on her sterling achievement of graduating from Freetown Elementary School, join with her family, teachers, and friends in rejoicing in her sparkling personality, and wish her every success in her future endeavors. We expect and look forward to great things from Lauren in the future!

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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